

"Yes," said Mrs. Delaney, "I was one of the two women taken by Chief Big Bear at the Massacre of Frog Lake in 1885. Mrs. Gowanlock, the wife of a mill-wright, was the other. Both our husbands were shot dead before our eyes. Nine others were killed at the same time. We were taken by Big Bear's band to their camp, but suffered no indignity, as we were both ransomed by the Crees, among whom my husband had long been Instructor. The Cree who ransomed me, paid Big Bear two horses. I might say here that the Crees were friendly Indians and were taken prisoners at the same time with us. We were all held until rescued two months after by volunteers from Battleford and brought down to Fort Pitt. 'Big Bear' and his band were originally from Canada but went into the States, from which they were run out just about the time Riel was collecting his army. He (Big Bear) was promised much if he would join the Rebels. It was learned that Riel told him: 'Join us and when we have killed all the white men of this country, there will no others dare to come up here and then we can have things as they were before. The buffalo will come again, and we can hunt as in the old days, before the white man drove us away and killed all our game.' This influenced the young Indians, who, at once, by trickery, got from the Crees and the few whites, all of the guns and ammunition, then fell upon the Post and as I said killed the eleven white men, among whom were two priests (Fathers Faford and Marchand)."

Mrs. Delaney is a daughter of J. Marshall Fulford and granddaughter of the pioneer above mentioned, H. M. Fulford. She is also a granddaughter of Truman Waller, another pioneer of note.

Truman Waller entered the farm west of the school house which is now owned by David Stewart. The farm house has burned down since we passed along, that summer day.

The Hurdman Homestead is the old stone house near the corner of the Deschenes road. It, too, was entered by Truman Waller.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Before reaching the old Hurdman house there may be seen a large elm tree, to the north side of the road. Just back of where it stands, in the jog in the land, stood the first Presbyterian Church in this country. It was built in the twenties. There was also, here, a school house. No vestige of either may be seen save a pile of stone.

Mr. Robert A. J. McConnell owns and occupies the Hurdman homestead.

On the south side are the ruins of an old house once the home of two noted men—Ithamar H. Day, of the Deschenes Mills. His son became the well known Judge Day. Sheriff Coutlee was the other. He later removed to the old